

Sellers gain traction

CRUDE CHECK. Stay cautious

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Crude oil, which saw a rally early last week, turned the trend and fell, leading to a weekly loss. Brent crude oil futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) (\$65.50/barrel) was down 2.9 per cent. MCX Crude oil futures (₹5,447/barrel) lost 3.7 per cent.

BRENT FUTURES (\$65.50)

Brent crude oil futures attempted to surpass the resistance at \$69. However, the bears gained considerable control and dragged the price. While the price band of \$65-65.50 is a support, given the current price action, it might be invalidated soon. A breach of \$65 can lead to a decline to \$62, a support. Subsequent support is at \$58.50.

In case the contract rebounds from the current level, it might retest \$69. Nevertheless, only a clear breakout of \$69 can result in a sustainable upswing. Resistance levels above \$69 are at \$70.70 and \$75.

MCX-CRUDE OIL (₹5,447)

Crude oil futures (September) rose to mark a four-week high of



₹5,825 on Tuesday. But then it lost momentum and the sellers took over, leading to a decline.

While the price has now slipped below both 21- and 50-day moving averages, there is an important support ahead of ₹5,400.

If this level is breached, the sell-off can intensify, possibly resulting in a fall to ₹5,000.

On the other hand, if crude oil futures bounces off the base at ₹5,400, it can retest the prior high of ₹5,825. A breach of this can lift the contract to ₹6,000.

Trade strategy: Retain the long we suggested at ₹5,570 as there is support ahead. Maintain the stop-loss at ₹5,370. Exit at ₹6,000.

But if the aforementioned stop-loss is hit, initiate a fresh short trade with stop-loss at ₹5,600 for a target of ₹5,000.

MLA's role to be probed in LPG 'blackmarketing'

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The Jalandhar Commissionerate Police will probe the role of Jalandhar Central MLA Raman Arora in the alleged theft and blackmarketing of LPG, as the man who got lodged a fresh FIR of extortion against him is behind bars on the same charges in Hoshiarpur. Days before Arora's re-arrest, complainant Ramesh Kumar was himself

arrested on August 24 along with his brother Raj Kumar and two others. They were arrested two days after an LPG explosion had rocked Mandi-ala village of Hoshiarpur in which seven persons had lost their lives, 12 were injured and several people had lost their livelihood. On the day Arora was to be released from the Nabha jail after getting bail from the Punjab and Haryana

High Court in a corruption case, he was brought on production remand by the Rama Mandi police in the new extortion case lodged on the complaint Ramesh Kumar. Complainant Ramesh Kumar was mentioned as a parking lot contractor at Lamma Pind in Jalandhar in the FIR number 253 lodged against Arora. He had alleged that Arora used to extort Rs 30,000 from him

every month for being allowed to run the contract.

But now it has emerged that there was more to it and Arora could have been patronising theft and blackmarketing of LPG in Jalandhar too, as the Indian Oil Depot falls in Suchi Pind in his Jalandhar Central Assembly segment and the parking lot which Ramesh used to manage was hardly 1.5 km from the depot. —TNS



CRUDE WATCH

OIL PRICES DOWN MORE THAN 2%

Houston: Oil prices fell on Friday as a weak US jobs report dimmed the outlook for energy demand. Brent crude futures settled at \$65.50 a barrel, down \$1.49, or 2.22%. US WTI crude finished at \$61.87, down \$1.61, or 2.54%.

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